

New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club
Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



The Thunder Heard

August 2012

Westward Ho to Memphis

2012 Meeting Schedule

Sept. 23	Paul & Pauline Schroll
October	Gene & Diane Szura
October 6	50's Dance
October	Fall Cruise
November	Mike & Wendy Meehan
December 1	Holiday Party

There will be no August meeting. See next month's newsletter for the September meeting.

If you cannot host your meeting as scheduled, it is your responsibility to get someone to switch with.

Please let Joanne Seiler know at least **2 months** before your scheduled month that **YOU WILL BE HOSTING** the meeting and give the date/time/etc.



President's Message



We had a very good meeting at the Corbetts, even a tour of the farm. We covered a lot of business.

It appears that everything is in line for the Memphis trip. The third item we talked about was the 50's dance and everything is falling into place for that. I have completed the flyers (new ones, updated from the ones you saw at the meeting). I passed some out at the picnic. Most will be emailed and you can print as many as you need. It was discussed about placing them in cars at shows. I would not advise that at this time. For now, we should concentrate on friends and relatives. If the ticket sales don't go as expected then we can resort to dropping flyers in cars. I will be putting 12 tickets to a table in envelopes (6 are also available). I think if we sell 10 per table and save the other two if needed. We know from past experiences we always get people wanting to "squeeze" another place at the table, so this way we will be able to do that. We ask that you get your ticket sales in then we can give out the tickets. It is best if you can take a whole table. Another way we may try is to give members tickets and have a return date to turn the leftovers in. Then we can try to sell those tickets.

The picnic was very well attended with members and family. It was great to see some faces we haven't seen in a while as well as some brand new ones. The weather was good for most of the day. Just for the record, it is not completely true that I got my family lost in the woods. I just was not sure how long the trail was. We were following the trail markers but it did have some big thrills.

The pie judging was fun. Good job of pie making. Aileen and Dorothy D submitted their apple pies. Dorothy won by a two to one vote. But they both were very good.

I would like to thank everyone involved in making it a success. From Mike Meehan, the chairman, to the dessert makers, the cooks and Arlene for shopping for the food.

There are plenty of good shows and cruises left so get the cars out.

It was good seeing everyone at the picnic.

Pat LeStrange.





A few words from Alec

By the time this is read it will be three weeks to the Memphis Convention. Good luck to all who are going with or without their little Birds

Our club had another annual picnic on July 29th. They just keep getting better every year. Congrats to everyone who had a hand in putting their time and effort into making the picnic another successful event.

Already looking forward to our annual Fall Color Cruise.

Once again, good luck to everyone going to Memphis.

Happy Motoring,
Alec

July Meeting

The meeting was hosted by Aileen and Bruce Corbett. It was a fairly nice day which brought out a number of TBirds. As usual, Bruce and Aileen had scrumptious eats. We had a tour of their "farm" with all the animals and the ladies got fresh eggs from the chickens. It was a very good meeting. Thanks to Aileen and Bruce.

Highlights of the Business meeting

The minutes of the prior month were read by Arlene in the secretary's absence and accepted. Since the Treasurer was absent, no report was given.

Pat reported that Joanne was in the hospital.

Paul S reported that no one guessed the trivia question in last month newsletter (Answer-John Hancock and Charles Thomson).

Lois reported on the latest about Memphis. She said that a regional will be held on 2013 in Santa Clara, CA.

Mike reported on the picnic plans

Pat reported on the 50's Dance.

Next meeting will be at the picnic.



Vice President's Message

Weather - The three H's, Heat, Hot and Humid. Stormy conditions...air conditioners running non-stop. This heat is getting us ready to deal with the heat in Memphis!!!!

It was soooo good to see Eva, Frank and Lucille at the picnic. Eva has had a real rough time, but she is a very strong lady. Eva, keep fighting, each day you will be stronger. Dominick has been a very loving husband taking care of Eva. Lucille is looking great and Frank is doing ok, he is just glad to be home. They say the golden years are not for the weak-they have that right.

When we had our July meeting at the Corbett's house, some of us went on tour of the Corbett property which is beautiful. The little animal farm they have going on is great!! (Aileen, keep those eggs coming).

Last week was our annual family picnic. We had sun and , of course, a rainy down pour. We just cannot have our picnic without the rain. We had plenty of food and as usual excellent desserts. I personally want to thank everyone who brought a salad or dessert. Everything was delicious. We had a great turnout of members as well as guests. Everyone had a good time.

Pat and some of his family members went on a hike. It took quite a while for them to come back. Finally Joanne called Pat on his phone. Pat said they were a little??? lost, but eventually they found their way back to us. Of course if you ask Pat he will tell you they did not get lost. HA HA!!

Pretty soon we will be going to Memphis for the CTCI National Convention. I just want to say to everyone who is going have a great and safe trip.

See You soon.

Arlene.

Membership News

Anniversary

Rich & Lois Martin 6th
 Phil & Dorothy Guidone 7th
 Henry & Judy Semmler 11th



Al Cirinelli 13th
 Joanne Notar 15th
 Wendy Meehan 18th
 Shelley Belli 18th
 Joe Kubat 22nd
 Bob Belli 27th
 Diane Marsiglio 27th
 Mara Madden 30th
 John Bolger 31st

Get Well Soon!

Frank Chabala
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 Eva Tucci

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1964 TBird Convertible asking \$21,500 call Lance or Mary 908-907-5231 or 732-318-2463

Condolences

To Wendy Meehan and her family on the passing of her father.

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Got any stories about the past regarding a NJORTC event, preferably with pictures, that you would like to tell us about? Write them up and send it to me along with the pictures and we will use it in the newsletter.

July Meeting



I want your input. Please send any items to be included by the middle of the month if possible. They can be e-mailed or snail mailed to me.
ptschroll@aol.com

Club Events

Fall Cruise

Yes - planning for this is in progress. Phil has set the date for October 14th. Make sure you keep this day open. Time and place will be announced later.

50's Dance

As you know this is on October 6th. Tickets are printed and ready. Attached to the newsletter is a flyer. Make copies and get them to your friends and acquaintances and get them to buy the tickets. Pat has the tickets. Make sure you get one for yourself.

Preliminary 2012 Schedule

August - Memphis Convention
Sept - Warwick, NJ Drive In movie ?
October 14 - Fall cruise
October 6 - 50's dance
December 1 - Holiday party

New car

Al Cirinelli has purchased another 57, this one colonial white with a blue interior Good luck with it Al. Present plans call for the sale of his white/red 57.

Memphis Trip-Hotels Cost

Be sure to send your check to Shelley for the Hotels. It is due 8/1, so you are late if you have not paid her.

July Meeting



Cruise Nights

Monday

Rochelle Park 375 West Passiac St (Mr Cupcakes)
1st Monday of the month
Saddlebrook-427 Market St. (Advance Auto)

Tuesday

Mahwah-Ramapo Valley Rd (RT 202) Creamery
Snack Bar

Wayne-Wendy's-Rte 23 North

Carlsadt-645 Washington (The Grasshopper)

Clifton, Ruts Hut

North Bergen-2849 Kennedy Rd. (Sonic Drive IN)

Wednesday

Wycoff-Greenwood Ave

Englewood-412 South Van Brunt St (4 West Diner)

Wayne - Rte 23 West (Wendy's)

Thursday

E. Rutherford-Chebberger/Chebberger Rte 17 SO
Emerson-Emerson Shopping Center,
Kinderkermack Rd.

Hackettstown-Mountain Ave (Lowe's and Wendy's
Shopping Ctr.

Wayne- Rte 23 West (Kohl's)

Friday

Midland Park Greenwood Ave (Hot Dog Caboose)

Elmwood Park-Legion Place (Am. Legion Post 147)

Boonton-Wooten St. (Wal-Mart shopping Ctr)

Saturday

Lyndhurst-1050 Wall St. (Whiskey Cafe)

River Edge



Registration at Memphis

The people running Memphis have issued registration procedures for cars driven, cars trailered and spectators. Go to the web site shown on the right for this information or I can snail mail them to you.

Car Shows-Swap Meets

8/4-Thiell's NY No. Rockland High School F

-Ramsay-615 E. Crescent St -Auto Electronics

-Hamilton-Acme Shopping Center

8/5 Whippany-Birchwood manor, 111 No Jefferson St

8/12-Emerson-131 Main St (Emerson High School) F

-Williamsville, NY All Tbird Show

8/18-8/19 Greenwood Lake Airport plane/car show

8/18-Highmont NY NBelleayre Mtn. F

8/26-Scotch Plains 783 Jefferson -Jerseyland Park
comm. Ctr.

8/26-Hawthorne-Grand Ave-Hawthorne Farmers Mkt
(behind the library (free show F

8/29-9/2 Parsippany- Hilton Hotel, Rte 10-Lead East

8/31-9/1-Mahwah-Cross Roads Sheraton

9/7 Ridgewood-Main Street - Start 5PM

9/9-Ridgefield Park-Spruce & Cedal Sts-Elks Lodge

9/9-Fair Lawn-Memorial park

I have flyers on some of these (F)

For more shows go to

<http://holtononline.com/carshows.html>

www.newjerseycarshows.com (reactivated)

CTCI Convention-Birds at Beale

For 2012 - the Memphis National Convention. A schedule and registration forms are available online.

<http://memphisthunderbirds.com/2012-convention/reservationsandregistration.html>

Elvis fans should certainly plan to attend and the list of events includes plans for a riverboat cruise on the mighty Mississippi and a Memphis Music Tour to name a few. Plus the show is inside. Make your plans now and get your Bird ready.

NOTES

The special rate rooms at the host hotel have all been booked. There are additional rooms available but at a higher rate. There are rooms available at other hotels which are close by at the original rate. An email was sent out with the contact information.

If you do not have this information please contact the editor of the newsletter.

There has been a significant number of registrations already. It is advisable to get your registration in early as space for the tours and other events may be limited - so if you want to go to these register now.

Tech Tips

The Do's and Don'ts of Car Washing

Fact-Careless washing can leave paint in worse condition than when you started.

Fact-Frequent washing is the single best thing you can do to maintain your vehicle's finish and preserve its showroom shape.

Yes, as simple and easy as a casual driveway car wash seems on a bright sunny Saturday morning, there are subtle pitfalls with which a careless washer could actually harm the finish, leaving scratches or stains that could require extra work to remove. Half the battle is just being aware of the potential problems. Then following through by using the right materials and techniques will make that wash as simple and easy as it should be, while giving you the spiffy results you want. Here's a list of some basic car washing do's and don'ts that will help you keep your finish in prime condition.

DON'T-wait to do a full wash if you see bird droppings, dead bugs or other obvious contaminants on the paint surface. Bird droppings have a high acidity that, if left on the paint for any length of time, can eat into the clear coat. If they reach deep enough, these scars can only be removed by sanding and repainting. Rinse this type of debris off the surface as soon as possible, using either water or an instant detailer type of product.

DO-rinse your vehicle off after a period of rainy weather if your region suffers from acid rain. The acid chemicals in the rainwater will remain on the surface after the droplets have evaporated, leaving a mark that can permanently stain the paint.

DON'T- wash your vehicle when the sheetmetal is hot. The heat causes the soap and water to dry much faster than on a cool surface, which can make the washing process harder and possibly dull the finish. First thing in the morning is a good time to do a wash, or, if the vehicle been parked in the shade for a while, the metal is likely to be cool enough to do it any time of the day.

DO-Hose off the vehicle before washing. A through pre-rinse will not only help cool off the sheet metal, but will also remove loose dirt, leaves or other debris that could scratch the paint if caught under a sponge or towel. If there is packed on mud, use a strong, steady stream to break it up and rinse off entirely.

continued next issue

from the Early Bird

The Picnic

The picnic went off superbly. As usual, Mike had everything under control and had everything set up and it went off without a hitch. He had donuts and coffee waiting for the early arrivals. Arlene got the munchies and burgers/dogs and supplies, John P the drinks and the members contributed various dishes and desserts. Joe and Rich especially liked the ice cream (along with the apple pies) that Joanne brought. Aileen and Dorothy D. brought the apple pies. Nobody went hungry and there were a number of members that had to loosen their belts. Pat brought his whole stereo setup for the music (it seemed so, anyway).

We were pleasantly surprised to have Dominick and Eva and Lucille and Frank attending as they were having some health problems of late. All looked good.

The cooks, Phil, Bill D and John P. served up delicious dogs and burgers, with some Kielbasa on the side.

One of the highlights was the apple pie tasting contest. Aileen and Dorothy brought pies and the judges, Pat, John P and Rich, had a hard time deciding the best. Dorothy's pie came out on top, but I had a taste of both and each one was really good.

Due to the poor weather scenario, we only had 6 Birds attending, although the overall turnout was really good. We were lucky as it was dry for most of the time. with only a few small showers.

A short business meeting was held so the various committees and other reports were dispensed with.

Rich reported on the latest about Memphis. I have it on good authority that, despite his claims to the contrary, that Pat, his daughter and son, Joanne's daughter and 5 grandchildren were lost in the woods for over an hour. When asked how he got lost he said "we weren't lost, I just didn't know where we were"isn't that lost???

Join CTCI now if you haven't yet. The Early Bird magazine alone is worth the dues.

Trivia Quiz

What is the symbolic meaning of the Heliotrope plant?

First with the correct answer gets a prize.

River Edge Car Show

A number of the club members attended this show, and the Mayor Emeritus of River Edge got us the choice spot again. As is our custom at this show, after signing in we all went for breakfast at a local restaurant. The weather was very co-operative and everyone had a good time. Charley's 56 was selected for the Mayor's Award.



Law of Physical Surfaces

The chances of an open faced jelly sandwich landing face down on the floor covering are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet/rug.

Picnic



Look at that grin on Pat



More Picnic



More pictures next month -Thanks to Joanne for sending her pics.

New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club Presents it's 1st Annual '50's Sock Hop

Saturday Oct. 6, 2012
7:30 pm to 11:30 pm (doors open at 7:00)
Elmwood Park American Legion Hall
Legion Pl. Elmwood Park, NJ

This is a Real 50's Hop

So slick back your hair, put your Collars up

Dig out your saddle shoes and Poodle Skirts

Dressing 50's Style is Strongly Encouraged

Don't be the only one in modern clothing

Be a participant, not a spectator



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